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September 11, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Ultra-Wideband, ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas,

I am writing in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on ultra-wide band radio. We at Iberia Medical Center serve a large population of elderly citizens, many of whom live alone.

The cost of medical care continues to increase as hospitals continue to face drastic cuts in reimbursement from Medicare. The potential applications of the use of ultra-wideband technology will aid in decreasing the cost of care to senior citizens. Remaining independent is part of decreasing such costs. The elderly of Iberia Parish have at this time, access to a response system which necessitates them to push a button to alert authorities. They must be conscious, alert, and wearing the device. The availability of a system which will automatically notify officials that a problem exists will prompt quick response, not to mention allowing our senior citizens and their families greater peace of mind.

We urge the FCC to move quickly and positively on the decision to permit research and development of this technology.

Sincerely,

James Youree  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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